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BY GEORGE BOULTWOOD  
BERLIN, OCT. 25 (AP)—THE UNITED STATES MADE AN ARMED THRUST INTO COMMUNIST EAST BERLIN TODAY TO ENFORCE THE RIGHT OF U.S. OCCUPATION FORCES TO MOVE FREELY ANYWHERE IN THIS DIVIDED CITY.  
THE ENTIRE 6,500-MAN U.S. GARRISON WAS ALERTED FOR SIX TENSE HOURS. TEN U.S. PATTON TANKS AND TWO ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS ROLLED UP TO THE ALLIED CROSSING POINT AND AIMED THEIR GUNS AT THE EAST GERMAN POLICE. THE BRITISH AND FRENCH ALSO BOLSTERED THEIR BORDER FORCES.  
BUT THE U.S. TROOPS MADE NO MOVE WHEN THE EAST BERLINERS SUBSEQUENTLY TURNED BACK TWO ARMY SIGHTSEEING BUSES.  
TWELVE HUSKY MILITARY POLICE, WITH BAYONETS FIXED, RODE IN THREE JEEPS 400 YARDS INTO EAST BERLIN TO ESCORT TWO AMERICANS IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES, RIDING IN A PRIVATE CAR WITH ARMY-ISSUED LICENSE PLATES.  
UNDER ORDERS, THE TWO AMERICANS HAD REFUSED TO BOW TO THE COMMUNIST REQUIREMENT TO SHOW THEIR IDENTIFICATION PAPERS TO THE EAST GERMAN GUARDS. THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE EAST GERMAN RED REGIME AND INSISTS ON MAINTAINING ITS WAR-WON RIGHT THAT AMERICAN OFFICIALS, WHETHER CIVILIAN OR MILITARY, CAN MOVE FREELY IN THIS SECTORED CITY WITHOUT DISPLAYING PASSES.  
BUT THE U.S. COMMAND REFUSED TO PRESS THE ISSUE LATER WHEN THE RED GUARDS HALTED THE BUSES AND INSISTED ON INSPECTING THE PASSENGERS' IDENTIFICATION PAPERS. THE ARMY SAID IT PULLED THE BUSES BACK BECAUSE IT WANTED TO SPARE THE WOMEN PASSENGERS "UNDUE HARASSMENT."  
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THE COMMUNISTS HAD BARRED ENTRY INTO EAST BERLIN FOR THE ARMY SIGHTSEEING BUSES, A REGULAR FEATURE OF U.S. GARRISON LIFE IN WEST BERLIN.  
AS U.S. OFFICERS ABOARD THE BUS ARGUED VAINLY WITH THE BORDER GUARDS, THE U.S. COMMANDANT IN BERLIN, MAJ. GEN. ALBERT WATSON II, DROVE PAST THEM INTO EAST BERLIN UNMOLESTED TO SEE THE SOVIET COMMANDANT, COL. ANDREI I. SOLOVYEV. WATSON SPENT TWO HOURS AT THE SOVIET HEADQUARTERS IN THE EAST BERLIN SUBURB OF KARLSHORST NEGOTIATING WHAT HIS SPOKESMAN CALLED "A COMPLICATED SITUATION."  
U.S. COMMAND LATER ANNOUNCED THAT WATSON WARNED SOLOVYEV OF THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF THE "ILLEGAL AND UNACCEPTABLE" COMMUNIST RESTRICTIONS ON ALLIED ACCESS TO EAST BERLIN. A STATEMENT SAID WATSON HAD REFERRED THE MATTER TO WASHINGTON WITH AN URGENT REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH IT.  
IN WASHINGTON, THE STATE DEPARTMENT PUT THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNMENT BEHIND WATSON'S USE OF FORCE. IT SAID WATSON IS PROTESTING TO THE SOVIET COMMANDANT "AGAINST THE COMMUNIST REFUSAL TO MAINTAIN" THE RIGHT OF U.S. OFFICIALS TO ENTER EAST BERLIN WITHOUT SHOWING IDENTIFICATION TO EAST GERMAN BORDER CHARDS.  
EARLY IN THE EVENING THE U.S. TANKS AND ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS WERE ORDERED TO RETURN TO THEIR BARRACKS, BUT A U.S. SPOKESMAN SAID THEY COULD BE BROUGHT BACK AT ANY TIME IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.  
THREE BRITISH CENTURION TANKS RUSHED TO THE BORDER NEAR THE BANDENBURG GATE DURING THE DAY ALSO WERE WITHDRAWN.  
WATSON ORDERED A TEMPORARY RESTRICTION ON THE MOVEMENT OF PRIVATELY OWNED U.S. VEHICLES INTO EAST BERLIN TO PROVIDE A COOLING OFF PERIOD, FREE OF INCIDENTS, WHILE HE WAS TALKING WITH THE RUSSIAN COMMANDER.  
HE ASKED MEMBERS OF THE GARRISON NOT TO DRIVE THEIR PRIVATE CARS WITH ARMY REGISTRATION INTO THE EAST SECTOR WHILE IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES. THIS BARRED STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY EMPLOYEES, BUT PERMITTED SOLDIERS IN UNIFORM TO DRIVE OVER. IN PRACTICE IT WAS DOUBTFUL WHETHER MANY SOLDIERS WOULD BOTHER TO MAKE THE TRIP IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

A SERIES OF INCIDENTS CAUSED BY COMMUNIST INSISTENCE ON CHECKING THE IDENTITY OF MEMBERS OF THE ALLIED GARRISONS OUT OF UNIFORM LED TO THE TRIAL OF STRENGTH.

THEY BEGAN SUNDAY NIGHT WHEN E. ALLAN LIGHTNER JR., THE TOP STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL IN BERLIN, TRIED TO DRIVE WITH HIS WIFE TO THE THEATER IN EAST BERLIN. IT WAS NOT UNTIL HE WAS PROVIDED WITH AN ARMED MILITARY POLICE ESCORT THAT HE WAS ABLE TO GET PAST THE COMMUNIST CONTROLS AT THE FRIEDRICHSTRASSE CHECKPOINT, THE ONLY ONE OPEN TO THE WESTERN ALLIES, WITHOUT SHOWING HIS IDENTITY CARD.

THE ALLIES CONTEND THE SPECIAL ARMY NUMBER PLATES OF CARS OWNED BY MEMBERS OF THE GARRISONS ARE SUFFICIENT IDENTIFICATION.

THE EAST GERMAN INTERIOR MINISTRY CALLED THE LIGHTNER INCIDENT A PROVOCATION AND ORDERED THAT ALL PERSONS IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES MUST PROVE THEIR IDENTITY TO RED BORDER GUARDS.

U.S. AUTHORITIES ADVISED THEIR PEOPLE NOT TO DRIVE OVER IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES, THEN RESCINDED THE BAN LATE TUESDAY NIGHT. THREE MEN IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES WHO TRIED TO GET OVER WERE THEN HELD UP.

BUT EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING THE EAST BERLIN GUARDS ALLOWED ONE PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLE THROUGH BEFORE TWICE HALTING THE CAR CARRYING THE TWO AMERICANS IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES. WHEN THE U.S. COMMANDER GAVE THE ARMED ESCORT THE GO-AHEAD, THE EAST BERLIN GUARDS STEPPED OUT OF THE WAY. THE SMALL CONVOY WENT TWO BLOCKS DEEP INTO THE COMMUNIST SECTOR AND RETURNED TO WEST BERLIN, ALL WITHIN TWO MINUTES.

A U.S. SPOKESMAN SAID WATSON TOLD SOLOVYEV HE COULD NOT PERMIT EAST GERMAN CONTROL OF AMERICANS ENTERING THE SOVIET SECTOR IN OFFICIALLY LICENSED VEHICLES.

"GEN. WATSON EMPHASIZED THAT SUCH HARASSMENT OF FREE MOVEMENT IN BERLIN WAS ILLEGAL AND UNACCEPTABLE AND HELD THE SOVIETS RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIONS OF THE EAST SECTOR POLICE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SOLOVYEV THEN SAID DECREES OF THE EAST GERMAN REGIME WERE BINDING ON ACCESS TO EAST BERLIN.

"GEN. WATSON OBJECTED STRONGLY TO THIS POSITION. ITS CONSEQUENCES WERE POTENTIALLY SO SERIOUS, HE SAID, THAT HE WOULD REFER THE MATTER TO HIS GOVERNMENT ON A MOST URGENT BASIS," THE U.S. STATEMENT ASSERTED.

IT ADDED THE THREE WESTERN ALLIES WERE IN CLOSE TOUCH AND WATSON HAD INFORMED HIS BRITISH AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES ON HIS TALK AT KARLSHORST.

BY THE TIME THE EAST GERMANS HAD HALTED THE AMERICANS' CAR A SECOND TIME THE U.S. GARRISON WAS ON ALERT AND CROWDS OF GERMANS HAD FORMED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE FRIEDRICHSTRASSE CHECKPOINT TO STAND IN THE DRIZZLING RAIN AND WATCH THE TENSE DRAMA UNFOLD.

"WHY DON'T THEY GO IN AND TEACH THEM A LESSON?" A WEST BERLIN SHOPKEEPER DEMANDED, POINTING TO THE CIVILIANS' CAR AND THE THREE MILITARY POLICE JEEPS THAT HAD TAKEN STATIONS AROUND IT.

"THEY (THE COMMUNISTS) NEED TO BE SHOWN SOME FORCE. THAT'S THE ONLY THING THEY UNDERSTAND."

AN EAST GERMAN LOUDSPEAKER BEGAN BLARING "PROVOCATION."

"AW, SHUT UP," ANSWERED A G.I.

SUDDENLY, THE MOTORS OF THE AMERICAN JEEPS STARTED UP.

"THEY'RE GOING IN!" SOMEONE YELLED.

WITH ONE JEEP AHEAD AND TWO BEHIND THE CAR, THE SMALL CONVOY STARTED TOWARD THE COMMUNIST CONTROL. IN THE JEEPS SAT THE 12 HUSKY U.S. MILITARY POLICE WITH BAYONETS FIXED ON THEIR M-14 RIFLES.

AN ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER MOVED UP TO THE BORDER, ITS HEAVY MACHINEGUN TRAINED ON THE COMMUNIST SECTOR. THE CROWDS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER STOOD MOTIONLESS.



THE CONVOY DROVE PAST THE FIRST LINE OF EAST GERMAN GUARDS AND ENTERED THE ZIG-ZAG TRIPLE BARRIER. THE GUARDS STARED, BUT DID NOTHING.

THE FOUR VEHICLES DROVE PAST A SILENT CROWD OF EAST BERLINERS AT THE FIRST CORNER AND THEN DOWN ANOTHER BLOCK, TURNED AROUND AND DROVE BACK. AGAIN THE EAST COMMUNIST GUARDS DID NOTHING.

U.S. OFFICIALS WOULD NOT NAME THE TWO MEN IN THE PRIVATE CAR. NEWSMEN ON THE SCENE GOT THE IMPRESSION THEY WERE SPECIALLY DESIGNATED FOR THE TEST BY THE U.S. COMMAND.

SHORTLY AFTER THE CONVOY RETURNED 10 U.S. PATTON TANKS AND ANOTHER ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER ROLLED UP TO THE CHECKPOINT AND TRAINED THEIR GUNS ON THE EAST GERMAN GUARDS.

THE BRITISH ALSO SENT AN EXTRA COMPANY OF INFANTRY WITH THE THREE CENTURION TANKS TO THE SECTOR BORDER IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE BANDENBURG GATE AND HAD A BATTALION STANDING BY.

THE FRENCH SENT A SQUAD OF SOLDIERS TO SET UP AN OBSERVATION POST TO KEEP AN EYE ON SUSPICIOUS COMMUNIST ACTIVITY ALONG THEIR PART OF THE SECTOR BORDER.

THE EAST GERMANS ARE SEEKING RECOGNITION BY THE WEST AND INSIST THEIR WALL ACROSS BERLIN IS NOW A STATE FRONTIER.

AN EAST GERMAN SOURCE SAID THE EAST GERMANS ARE UNDER HIGH LEVEL ORDERS TO AVOID AN INCIDENT. BUT THE SOURCE SAID "THIS BUSINESS OF BARGING IN WITH BAYONETS IS PRACTICALLY ASKING FOR AN INCIDENT."

A DISPATCH BY THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS CALLED THE AMERICAN ACTION IN BERLIN A PROVOCATION "AIMED AT SABOTAGING A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE WESTERN BERLIN PROBLEM."

ONE EAST GERMAN PROPAGANDIST DECLARED THE AMERICAN BEHAVIOR COULD SPARK AN ATOMIC WAR.

KARL EDUARD VON SCHNITZLER, CHIEF COMMENTATOR OF THE EAST GERMAN RADIO, SAID "THERE CAN BE NO MORE SMALL WAR IN EUROPE. WAR MEANS TODAY A TOTAL, NUCLEAR WORLD WAR AND INCIDENTS ON OUR STATE BORDER IN BERLIN COULD BE THE SPARK."

THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER, NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, SAID GEN. LUCIUS D. CLAY, PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN BERLIN, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCIDENTS.

THE EDITORIAL PRAISED THE "COOL HEADEDNESS OF OUR BORDER POLICE" AND WARNED THE WEST NOT TO MISTAKE THIS FOR WEAKNESS.

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EDITOR'S NOTE--THIS ANALYSIS OF THE CHAIN OF INCIDENTS IN BERLIN COMES FROM THE CHIEF ASSOCIATED PRESS CORRESPONDENT IN THE KEY CITY.

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BY CARL HARTMAN

BERLIN, OCT. 25 (AP)--THE UNITED STATES GAVE THE COMMUNISTS A FORCEFUL DEMONSTRATION TODAY OF THE OCCUPATION RIGHTS IT CLAIMS IN BERLIN. AT THE END OF THE DAY IT LOOKED LIKE ONE POINT FOR THE WEST AND TWO POINTS FOR THE COMMUNISTS.

TWO AMERICAN CIVILIANS UNDER HEAVILY ARMED ESCORT DEFIED COMMUNIST REGULATIONS AND DROVE INTO AND OUT OF EAST BERLIN, WITHOUT SHOWING THEIR IDENTITY TO EAST GERMAN GUARDS.

HAVING REAFFIRMED IN PRINCIPLE THE RIGHT OF U.S. CIVILIANS TO GO IN, THE AMERICAN COMMAND THEN BACKED DOWN, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING.

IT ORDERED ITS CIVILIAN STAFF TO SHUN PRIVATE TRIPS INTO EAST BERLIN WHILE THE DISPUTE IS UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THE RUSSIANS.

IT STAGED NO SHOW OF STRENGTH WHEN THE EAST GERMANS BARRED TWO BUSES TRYING TO TAKE U.S. CIVILIANS ON AN EAST BERLIN SIGHTSEEING TOUR. THE BUSES WERE WITHDRAWN AFTER AN HOUR-LONG WAIT AT THE BORDER.

THE AMERICAN DEMONSTRATION INCLUDED A GENERAL ALERT OF ALL U.S. TROOPS IN BERLIN AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF HEAVY PATTON TANKS AND ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS ALONG THE EAST-WEST BORDER.

THIS SEEMED TO CARRY THE STAMP OF GEN. LUCIUS D. CLAY, PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S PERSONAL ENVOY IN BERLIN.

WHETHER IT WILL LEAD TO A SHARPER ASSERTION OF WHAT THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS ITS RIGHTS IN BERLIN REMAINS TO BE SEEN. GEN. CLAY PROBABLY WILL HAVE A LOT TO DO WITH THE CRITICAL DECISIONS. JUST HOW MUCH HE GIVES ORDERS IS CONSIDERED AN OFFICIAL SECRET OF THE U.S. COMMAND.

OFFICIALLY, CLAY IS NOT BOSS. THE U.S. SECTOR IS RUN BY MAJ. GEN. ALBERT WATSON II, THE CITY COMMANDANT, WITH HELP FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT. CLAY HAS ONLY A FEW PEOPLE WORKING DIRECTLY FOR HIM, BUT HE HAS THE PRESIDENT'S EAR.

PEOPLE WHO KNOW CLAY THINK SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN DONE ARE CHARACTERISTIC OF HIS STYLE. HE CAME TO BERLIN AT A TRICKY TIME, AND WHAT HE CAN DO TO CHANGE THINGS IS LIMITED.

THE ORIGIN OF RECENT CONFLICTING ORDERS--ABOUT HOW AMERICANS, CIVILIAN AND MILITARY, SHOULD CROSS OVER TO EAST BERLIN--GOES BACK TO THE DAYS BEFORE CLAY ARRIVED.

YEARS AGO OFFICIAL AMERICANS GOT INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO DIGNIFY THE EAST GERMAN REGIME BY SHOWING CREDENTIALS TO ITS POLICEMEN.

THE EAST GERMAN POLICE RARELY ASKED AMERICANS FOR IDENTIFICATION IF THEY DROVE CARS WITH LICENSE PLATES OF THE U. S. FORCES. THE "PEOPLE'S POLICE" WOULD GLANCE AT THE PLATES AND WAVE CARS ON.

THINGS CHANGED WHEN THE WALL CAME IN AUGUST AND THE EAST GERMAN REGIME TRIED TO ASSERT AUTHORITY OVER EAST BERLIN. INSTEAD OF 80 STREETS WHERE ANY CAR COULD CROSS INTO THE RED-RULED SECTOR, ONLY ONE REMAINED FOR NON-GERMANS. THE UNITED STATES PROTESTED, BUT DID NOT RESIST.

ONCE THE COMMUNISTS ESTABLISHED THE SINGLE CROSSING POINT, THEY BEGAN INSISTING FOREIGNERS IDENTIFY THEMSELVES. IT WASN'T NECESSARY FOR UNIFORMED PEOPLE, THEY SAID. BUT WHEN SOMEONE IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES WAS DRIVING A CAR LICENSED BY THE U. S. ARMY, THE REDS ARGUED, HOW COULD ANYONE KNOW HE HAD NOT STOLEN IT?

THE AMERICAN RULE STOOD: IF YOU WORK FOR THE U. S. GOVERNMENT, DON'T SHOW IDENTITY PAPERS.

SUNDAY NIGHT E. ALLAN LIGHTNER JR., CHIEF STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL IN BERLIN, WAS ON THE WAY TO THE THEATER IN EAST BERLIN. HE REFUSED TO SHOW HIS PAPERS AND HIS CAR WAS HALTED.

ACROSS FROM THE AMERICAN "CHECKPOINT CHARLIE" CAME A SQUAD OF MPS, WITH BAYONETS FIXED. THEY MARCHED INTO EAST BERLIN AND ESCORTED THE LIGHTNERS OUT. LIGHTNER WENT IN TWICE AGAIN THAT EVENING--ONCE WITH ESCORT, ONCE WITHOUT--TO MAKE THE POINT.

MONDAY THE COMMUNISTS PUT OUT A CLEAR ORDER: ALL FOREIGNERS IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES HAD TO SHOW IDENTIFICATION.

TUESDAY, U. S. AUTHORITIES PUT A QUIET BAN ON OFFICIAL AMERICANS GOING INTO BERLIN UNLESS THEY COULD WEAR UNIFORMS. AFTER TWO CORRESPONDENTS WERE HALTED, AN EXCEPTION WAS MADE FOR NEWSMEN.

TUESDAY NIGHT THE BAN WAS LIFTED FOR WHAT SEEMED TO BE TEST RUNS. TODAY IT TOOK THREE JEEPS FULL OF SOLDIERS TO ESCORT THROUGH THE POLICE LINES AN ARMY-REGISTERED CAR, DRIVEN BY A MAN IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES WHO REFUSED TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF.

AT THAT POINT, TANKS WERE ORDERED TO THE BORDER. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THE U. S. COMMAND PUBLISHED A REQUEST TO ITS PERSONNEL NOT TO TRY TO GO OVER WITHOUT A UNIFORM. WHAT WAS WANTED, IT SAID, WAS AN "INCIDENT-FREE PERIOD."

THE U. S. COMMAND PULLED BACK THE TANKS TONIGHT. THE REQUEST TO STAY OUT REMAINED IN FORCE.

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BERLIN INTERPRETIVE  
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BONN, GERMANY, OCT. 25 (AP)—COMMUNIST INTERFERENCE WITH ALLIED CIVILIAN MOVEMENT ACROSS BERLIN'S SECTOR BARRIERS IS PART OF A CAMPAIGN TO DESTROY THE CITY'S FOUR-POWER STATUS. THAT IS WHY IT IS BEING RESISTED WITH U.S. SHOWS OF FORCE. IT LOOKS DANGEROUS, BUT THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THE COMMUNISTS ARE GOING TO BE CAREFUL IN EFFORTS NOT TO LET THEIR DRIVE REACH THE POINT OF AN EXCHANGE OF FIRE.

THIS IS THE POINT: THE RUSSIANS ARE INSISTING THAT THE WESTERN ALLIES ARE IN WEST BERLIN ONLY BY VIRTUE OF AGREEMENTS GOVERNING AN OCCUPIED CITY--THAT IS, MILITARY AGREEMENTS. WHEN THE COMMUNISTS ERECTED A WALL BETWEEN THE TWO PARTS OF BERLIN, THEY SEALED OFF WEST BERLINERS FROM CONTACT WITH GERMANS IN THE EAST. THEY CONTINUED, HOWEVER, TO CONCEDE THE ACCESS RIGHT OF THE WESTERN ALLIES.

AT THE SAME TIME THEY EVIDENTLY INTENDED TO ENFORCE THEIR CLAIM THAT EAST BERLIN NO LONGER IS PART OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY BUT ACTUALLY THE SOVEREIGN CAPITAL OF A SOVEREIGN STATE: COMMUNIST-RULED EAST GERMANY.

THE WEST DOES NOT RECOGNIZE SUCH A CLAIM. THE WEST CONSIDERS EAST GERMANY THE SOVIET-OCCUPIED PART OF GERMANY, AND EAST BERLIN THE SOVIET-OCCUPIED SECTOR OF THE CITY.

IF ONLY UNIFORMED PERSONNEL OF THE ALLIES CAN CROSS INTO THE SOVIET-OCCUPIED SECTOR, THEN THE ALLIES WOULD BE ENTERING THE CITY SOLELY THROUGH THE TOLERANCE OF THE EAST GERMAN AUTHORITIES. THEY WOULD IN EFFECT BE OBEYING THE DICTATES OF AN INTERIOR MINISTRY OF A GOVERNMENT THEY PROFESS NOT TO RECOGNIZE.

A POLICE OFFICER OF THE EAST SECTOR MADE IT AIRILY PLAIN THAT THIS IS WHAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE DRIVING AT. HE TOLD AN ALLIED CIVILIAN THAT "WE GERMANS CANNOT ENTER THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT SHOWING PASSPORTS." THE INFERENCE WAS THAT THEREFORE U.S. CIVILIANS COULD NOT ENTER A SOVEREIGN EAST GERMAN CAPITAL WITHOUT SHOWING CREDENTIALS. IN A WORD, EAST BERLIN IS PART OF COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY.

IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT WHEN A MILITARY CONVOY OF U.S. TROOPS SHOWS UP AND FORMS AN ESCORT, THE EAST GERMAN POLICE STEP ASIDE AND LET IT THROUGH, THOUGH IT IS ESCORTING CIVILIANS PREVIOUSLY DENIED ENTRY.

THAT IS, THE COMMUNISTS RECOGNIZE ONLY THAT WEST BERLIN--NOT ALL BERLIN--IS AN OCCUPIED CITY. THEY CONTENT THE ALLIED MILITARY PERSONNEL'S RIGHTS OF ENTRY ARE ALL THAT MUST BE HONORED AT THIS TIME.

THE ALLIES ARE SAYING THEY CANNOT AND WILL NOT ACCEDE TO THIS. TO DO SO WOULD MAKE THE ISOLATION OF WEST BERLIN PERMANENT AND GIVE THE ISOLATION A LOOK OF LEGALITY. IT WOULD MEAN, TOO, THAT LATER ON THE WESTERN ALLIES WOULD APPROACH A CONFERENCE TABLE WHERE THE RUSSIAN BARGAINING POSITION WAS GREATLY STRENGTHENED.

THERE ARE THREE CARDINAL POINTS ON WHICH THE ALLIES SAY THEY WILL NOT GIVE GROUND. THEY INSIST ON THE RIGHT OF WESTERN ACCESS TO BERLIN. THEY INSIST ON THE UNRESTRICTED USE OF AIR CORRIDORS. THEY INSIST UPON UNRESTRICTED MOVEMENT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST BERLIN. THAT MEANS UNRESTRICTED MOVEMENT OF MILITARY AND CIVILIANS AND THE MOVEMENT OF BERLINERS THEMSELVES.

WITH THEIR WALL, THE COMMUNISTS EFFECTIVELY HAVE ENDED THE MOVEMENT OF BERLINERS. THE COMMUNIST PRESSURE NOW WILL BE APPLIED IN AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE THE WEST BACK DOWN IN ITS OTHER DEMANDS.

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(120) NIGHT LEAD RUSSIAN TEST

WASHINGTON, OCT. 25 (AP)—THE SOVIET UNION EXPLODED ANOTHER NUCLEAR DEVICE OF "PROBABLY LESS THAN A MEGATON" IN THE ATMOSPHERE TODAY, THE

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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION ANNOUNCED.

IT FIXED THE SITE AS IN THE VICINITY OF NOVAYA ZEMLYA, NORTH OF THE ARCTIC CIRCLE, WHERE MOST OF THE CURRENT SOVIET TESTS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED.

THE BLAST WAS THE 24TH SOVIET BLAST ANNOUNCED BY THE AEC, ALTHOUGH THE PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAS INDICATED OTHERS MAY HAVE BEEN DETECTED WITHOUT BEING ANNOUNCED.

THE SEISMOLOGICAL INSTITUTE AT UPPSALA, SWEDEN, DETECTED THE EXPLOSION FIRST AND SAID IT WAS ABOUT A TENTH AS STRONG AS MONDAY'S BIG 30 TO 50 MEGATON SHOT. A MEGATON IS THE EQUIVALENT OF A MILLION TONS OF TNT.

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BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA, OCT. 25 (AP)—PRESIDENT TITO SAID TODAY YUGOSLAVIA IS "ABSOLUTELY" AGAINST ALL NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTS.

"WE ARE VERY WORRIED BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUATION OF NUCLEAR TESTS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND AMERICA," HE TOLD THE CORRESPONDENT OF THE JAPANESE NEWSPAPER ASAHI SHIMBUN IN AN INTERVIEW. "WE HAVE TO BE WORRIED, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF THE ANNOUNCED EXPLOSION OF THE ATOMIC BOMB OF 50 MEGATONS."

HE APPARENTLY REFERRED TO SOVIET PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT RUSSIAN SCIENTISTS WILL TEST A 50-MEGATON BOMB AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

HE SAID HIS STATEMENT AT THE RECENT CONFERENCE OF UNALIGNED NATIONS HERE HAD BEEN WRONGLY INTERPRETED IN WESTERN COUNTRIES. HIS STATEMENT WAS NOT MEANT AS AN APPROVAL OF THE SOVIET UNION'S RESUMING NUCLEAR TESTS, HE SAID, THOUGH HE HAD EXPRESSED THE OPINION IT WAS A CONSEQUENCE OF FRENCH TESTS.

HE SAID YUGOSLAV-SOVIET DIFFERENCES ON BUILDING OF SOCIALISM (COMMUNISM) DOES NOT CONCERN ULTIMATE AIMS BUT METHODS.

"BASIC IS OUR DISAGREEMENT IN UNDERSTANDING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN SOCIALISTIC COUNTRIES," HE EXPLAINED. "THEY (THE SOVIET UNION) CONSIDER THAT EVERY COUNTRY WHICH BUILDS SOCIALISM SHOULD BE IN THE CAMP....WE CONSIDER THAT SOCIALISM CAN BE BUILT WITHOUT PARTICIPATION IN A BLOC FORMATION OF STATES, BECAUSE THE DIVISION OF WORLD IN BLOCS REPRESENTS DANGER."

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LONDON, OCT. 25 (AP)—A BRITISH NEWSPAPER TODAY RAPPED AFRICAN AND ASIAN NATIONS FOR NOT SPEAKING OUT MORE FORCEFULLY AGAINST THE SOVIET TESTING OF ITS SUPERBOMB.

"HAD THE WEST EXPLODED ONE BOMB ONE-TENTH THE SIZE OF THE RUSSIAN MONSTER THE WORLD WOULD BE IN FERMENT," SAID THE DAILY MAIL.

"RESOLUTIONS WOULD POR INTO THE U.N., DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD BRING CITIES TO A STANDSTILL AND EMBASSIES WOULD BE STORMED.

"BUT WHEN RUSSIA PROPOSES TO DO SOMETHING 10 TIMES WORSE, ALL THAT MR. NEHRU, ASIA'S LEADING STATESMAN, CAN DO IS TO UTTER A MILD AND MEANINGLESS REBUKE."

THE MAIL NOTED MOST AFRICAN AND ASIAN MEMBERS OF THE U.N. FAILED TO GIVE SUPPORT TO A PRIORITY TO AN APPEAL TO RUSSIA TO STOP SUPERBOMB TESTS BECAUSE THEY SAID IT WAS INSPIRED BY POLITICAL MOTIVES.

"THE ATTITUDE OF THESE AFRO-ASIAN LEADERS IS INCREDIBLE," SAID THE CONSERVATIVE MAIL. "EITHER OUT OF FEAR OF FOOLISHNESS THEY KOW-TOW TO THE ONE STATE WHICH HAS EXTERMINATED MILLIONS OF MEN AND WOMEN AND ENSLAVED MILLIONS MORE."

WHILE THE DUST OF THE LATEST RUSSIAN BLAST SETTLED, BRITISH AUTHORITIES MADE PLANS TO SUPPLY THE NATION'S BABIES WITH DRIED MILK, IN CASE RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION OF FRESH MILK REACHED DANGER LEVELS.



THE DAILY SKETCH CARRIED FRONT PAGE SIDE-BY-SIDE PICTURES OF A CURLY HAired, THUMB-SUCKING BABY AND NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV, AND ABOVE IT THE LEGEND:

"THE RIVALS."

IN OSLO, A NORWEGIAN ANTIBOMB GROUP OF 13 PROMINENT CITIZENS URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN A DRIVE TO MAKE NUCLEAR TESTS A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAWS.

THE GROUP APPEALED TO SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS IN DENMARK, SWEDEN, FINLAND, IRELAND, FRANCE, WEST GERMANY, GREAT BRITAIN, HOLLAND, ITALY, AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND, SOVIET UNION, UNITED STATES, JAPAN, BELGIUM, CANADA AND NEW ZEALAND TO TAKE LIKE ACTION.

THE NORWEGIAN ORGANIZATION POINTED OUT THAT INTERNATIONAL LAWS FORBID ACTS WHICH IN TIME OF PEACE INFLICT PHYSICAL DAMAGES UPON OTHER NATIONS AND PEOPLE.

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SECOND NIGHT LEAD CONGRESS

BY PRESTON GROVER

MOSCOW, OCT. 25 (AP)—ANDREI GROMYKO, SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER, SAID TODAY HE AND SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK AGREED AT THEIR RECENT TALKS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON THAT THE TWO BIG COUNTRIES SHOULD FIND A WAY TO MAKE WAR IMPOSSIBLE.

GROMYKO, SPEAKING TO THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS, OFFERED A NEW OLIVE BRANCH TO THE WEST BY SAYING THAT HIS COUNTRY WOULD SEEK TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE WESTERN POINT OF VIEW AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE IF THE WEST REALLY SEEKS UNDERSTANDING.

IN A SPEECH THAT IN TONE AND PLACE APPEARED TO BE A MAJOR POLICY STATEMENT, GROMYKO DECLARED THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV "MUST BE PRESIDENTS IN A PERIOD IN WHICH WAR BECOMES IMPOSSIBLE."

IT WAS GROMYKO'S FIRST OFFICIAL DECLARATION ON THE DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON AND THE 5,000 DELEGATES IN THE NEW KREMLIN CONGRESS HALL APPLAUDED HIM REPEATEDLY.

HE TOLD THE CONGRESS SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY IS MARKED BY ITS "FLEXIBILITY AND ITS STRIVING TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE INTERESTS OF THE OTHER PARTIES TO NEGOTIATIONS WHEN THEY REALLY SEEK AN UNDERSTANDING."

HE RELATED A CONVERSATION BETWEEN HIMSELF AND RUSK IN WHICH THE TWO SOUGHT TO FIND A BASIS FOR ACCORD ON GERMANY AND BERLIN.

"THE SECRETARY OF STATE TOLD ME," GROMYKO SAID, "THAT WE ALL UNDERSTAND THAT NEITHER KHRUSHCHEV NOR KENNEDY WANT TO GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS THE LEADERS WHO PROVED A WORLD CATASTROPHE IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY."

GROMYKO ADDED THAT RUSK INSISTED THAT THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF PEACE THEREFORE LIES WITH THE TWO LEADERS AS THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO BIGGEST WORLD POWERS.

"I REPLIED," SAID GROMYKO, "THAT IF WE CAN SUCCEED IN SOLVING ON A BASIS ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH OF OUR GOVERNMENTS THE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE LIQUIDATION OF THE REMNANTS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, THIS WILL BE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE."

"WE THINK KENNEDY AND KHRUSHCHEV MUST BE THE PRESIDENTS IN A PERIOD IN WHICH WAR BECOMES IMPOSSIBLE, THAT IS TO SAY AT A DECISIVE TURNING POINT IN HISTORY."

"THE WHOLE WORLD WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO KENNEDY AND KHRUSHCHEV FOR THAT."

THEN GROMYKO SAID THAT RUSK DECLARED "WE AGREE WITH THESE IDEAS ON PEACE AND I EXPRESS THE HOPE WE MAY BE ABLE TO FIND A CORRECT PATH."

HE CITED RUSK AS ADDING THAT "ALL DEPENDS ON US, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO BIGGEST POWERS IN THE WORLD."

GROMYKO SAID THE SOVIET UNION LOOKED BACK TO THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT ERA AS A HIGHLIGHT IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SINCE KENNEDY IS ALSO A DEMOCRAT THE RELATIONSHIP MIGHT REACH A HIGHER LEVEL THAN DURING THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.

HE SAID THE SOVIET UNION WAS NOW DIRECTED BY A POLICY BASED ON PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND ADDED:

"THE VICTORY BETWEEN COMMUNISM AND CAPITALISM WILL BE DECIDED BY HISTORY AND NOT BY THE KREMLIN."

GROMYKO'S OLIVE BRANCH WAS OFFERED JUST 48 HOURS AFTER MARSHAL RODION MALINOVSKIY, SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER, TOLD THE CONGRESS THAT ANY COUNTRY THAT FOUGHT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BECOME A RUBBLEHEAP.

MALINOVSKIY DID NOT MENTION, HOWEVER, THE GIANT SOVIET NUCLEAR EXPLOSION IN THE ARCTIC ON THE DAY HE SPOKE, AND THERE WAS NO MENTION OF THE SOVIET TEST BLAST TODAY.

IN HIS SPEECH GROMYKO DECLARED THAT IF EFFORTS TO REACH UNDERSTANDING WITH THE WEST SHOULD FAIL, THE SOVIET UNION WILL GO AHEAD AND SIGN A SEPARATE PEACE PACT WITH EAST GERMANY.

GROMYKO DID NOT THREATEN THE SIGNING OF SUCH A TREATY BY THE END OF 1961, HOWEVER. IN THIS HE FOLLOWED THE EXAMPLE OF PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV, WHO ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK HE WAS WITHDRAWING THE YEAREND TIME FUSE FOR A TREATY WHICH WOULD THREATEN THE WEST'S ACCESS TO WEST BERLIN.

BUT GROMYKO DECLARED "THE WORLD SITUATION STILL REMAINS TENSE AND UNSTABLE," AND HE ISSUED A WARNING TO "WEST GERMAN REVENGE SEEKERS."

IF THEY TRY TO THREATEN THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS FRIENDS, HE SAID, WEST GERMANY WOULD BE TURNED INTO A CEMETERY WHERE "ONE WOULD PROBABLY NOT FIND EVEN GRAVEDIGGERS TO REMOVE THE DEBRIS OF THEIR WAR MACHINERY AND TO BURY THE ASHES OF THOSE WHO PUT THIS MACHINE INTO OPERATION."

THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT NEGOTIATIONS, AT WHICH GROMYKO SEEMED TO HINT, MIGHT BE STARTED SOON.

U.S. AMBASSADOR LLEWELLYN THOMPSON WAS BACK AT HIS DESK IN THE U.S. EMBASSY AFTER CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON, BUT TOLD REPORTERS HE WAS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS. IT HAD BEEN EXPECTED THAT AFTER HIS TRIP HOME HE WOULD BE ABLE TO BEGIN SOUNDING OUT THE RUSSIANS AGAIN ON A BASIS OF NEGOTIATIONS.

GROMYKO OPENED HIS SPEECH WITH A FIGURATIVE DESCRIPTION OF SOVIET DIPLOMATIC ROCKETS. LIKE NUCLEAR ROCKETS, HE SAID, SOVIET DIPLOMATIC POLICIES CAN REACH EVERY PART OF THE WORLD AND "HIT THE TARGET WITH ACCURACY, BE THEY NEAR OR FAR."

THE FORCE OF THESE POLITICAL EXPLOSIONS, HE ADDED, ARE TREMENDOUS AND THE SUPERIORITY OF SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY OVER THE "IMPERIALIST CAMP" HAS NEVER BEFORE BEEN SO VIGOROUSLY DEMONSTRATED.

MORE THAN 40 NEUTRALIST STATES, HE DECLARED, ARE NOW TAKING A STAND ON VITAL INTERNATIONAL ISSUES WHICH "FUNDAMENTALLY COINCIDES WITH THE POSITIONS OF THE U.S.S.R."

SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY DERIVES ITS STRENGTH, HE SAID, FROM ITS "LOYALTY TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE, ITS FIRMNESS AND REDINESS TO GO TO THE END WHEN IT IS NECESSARY TO STAND UP FOR THE RIGHT CAUSE AND CRAMP THE FORCES OF AGGRESSION, AND ITS FLEXIBILITY."

HE CALLED THE VIENNA MEETING LAST MAY BETWEEN KHRUSHCHEV AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY ONE OF THE "MOST OUTSTANDING EVENTS OF OUR TIME."

THE INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNIST CAMP, HE SAID, WERE UPHELD AT THAT MEETING BY KHRUSHCHEV "WITH REVOLUTIONARY PASSION, PERSISTENCE AND SKILL WORTHY OF THE PARTY OF IMMORTAL LENIN."

IF THE GOOD TRADITIONS OF THE LATE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT WERE REVIVED IN THE WHITE HOUSE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS, HE ADDED, ALL PEOPLE WOULD BE PLEASED.

THE SOVIET UNION, HE SAID, WANTS FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH BRITAIN AND FRANCE AND ATTACHES SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GIANTS, THE U.S.S.R. AND THE U.S.A.

NEITHER GROMYKO NOR ANYONE ELSE AT THE PARTY CONGRESS MENTIONED THE BIG NUCLEAR BLASTS LET LOOSE BY SOVIET SCIENTISTS.

THE ONLY EXPLOSIONS REPORTED HERE ARE INTERNAL--THE BLASTS DIRECTED AT THE OLD BELIEVERS IN STALIN, THE ANTIPARTY GROUP. EXPULSION FROM THE PARTY HAS BEEN DEMANDED FOR FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER M.V. MOLOTOV,



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FORMER PREMIER GEORGI MALENKOV AND LAZAR KAGANOVICH. TODAY, PAVEL SATYUKOV, PRAVDA'S EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, ADDED A FOURTH. HE SAID FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER DMITRI SHEPILOV WAS NOT FIT TO BE A PARTY MEMBER. SATYUKOV ALSO ADDED A NEW CHARGE AGAINST MOLOTOV. HE SAID MOLOTOV HAD GONE SO FAR AS TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE CENTRAL PARTY COMMITTEE ATTACKING ITS NEW 20-YEAR PROGRAM ON THE EVE OF THE PRESENT CONGRESS. MOLOTOV, THE PRAVDA EDITOR SAID, CHARGED THE PROGRAM WAS ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY, PACIFIST AND REVISIONIST. PS557PED

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NIGHT LEAD MEMBERSHIP

BY LAWRENCE MALKIN  
UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., OCT. 25 (AP)-THE SECURITY COUNCIL TODAY APPROVED U.N. MEMBERSHIP FOR OUTER MONGOLIA AND MAURITANIA, BREAKING A DEADLOCK THAT HAD ENDANGERED NATIONALIST CHINA'S SEAT IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

NATIONALIST CHINA HAD THREATENED TO VETO OUTER MONGOLIA AND THE SOVIET UNION TO VETO MAURITANIA. BOTH LIFTED THEIR VETO THREATS, SENDING THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS OF THE TWO SMALL COUNTRIES ON TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHERE FINAL APPROVAL IS ASSURED. THEY WILL BECOME THE 102ND AND 103RD U.N. MEMBERS.

THE PAC AGE DEAL WAS CONCLUDED AFTER WEEKS OF BACKSTAGE MANEUVERING AND APPEALS THAT REACHED TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY, WHO URGED PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S NATIONALISTS NOT TO JEOPARDIZE THEIR U.N. SEAT BY VETOING OUTER MONGOLIA AS THEY HAD DONE IN 1955. THE NATIONALISTS CLAIM MONGOLIA IS ONLY A COMMUNIST PUPPET STATE AND RIGHTFULLY BELONGS TO CHINA.

THE DEADLOCK WAS SET UP BY THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH VETOED MAURITANIA LAST DECEMBER AND THREATENED TO DO SO AGAIN UNLESS THE MONGOLIANS WERE ADMITTED.

WITH THE ONUS THUS THROWN ON THE NATIONALIST CHINESE BY THE SOVIET UNION, MAURITANIA'S 12 AFRICAN SUPPORTERS APPROACHED THE NATIONALISTS.

THESE 12, ALL FORMER FRENCH AFRICAN COLONIES LIKE MAURITANIA, WARNED THEY WOULD RETALIATE AGAINST A NATIONALIST VETO OF MONGOLIA BY VOTING FOR COMMUNIST CHINA WHEN DEBATE ON SEATING PEIPING COMES UP IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LATER THIS YEAR. THEIR DOZEN VOTES MIGHT HAVE BEEN ENOUGH TO BRING PEIPING INTO THE UNITED NATIONS.

AT TODAY'S MEETING OF THE 11-NATION COUNCIL, NINE MEMBERS VOTED FOR OUTER MONGOLIA'S ADMISSION--BRITAIN, CEYLON, CHILE, ECUADOR, FRANCE, LIBERIA, THE SOVIET UNION, TURKEY AND THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC. THE UNITED STATES ABSTAINED.

NATIONALIST CHINA'S TINGFU F. TSIANG DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTE. "SO THAT NO PRETEXT, HOWEVER MEAGER OR UNJUSTIFIABLE, MAY BE SEIZED UPON BY THE SOVIET UNION TO CAUSE FURTHER DELAY IN THE ADMISSION OF MAURITANIA."

THIS ACCUSATION STEMS FROM ANOTHER FACET OF THE COMPLICATED CASE. THE SOVIET UNION VETOED MAURITANIA LAST DECEMBER TO CURRY FRIENDSHIP WITH MOROCCO, WHICH CLAIMS MAURITANIA AS PART OF ITS TERRITORY AND HAS ACCUSED FRANCE OF "AMPUTATING" THE NEW COUNTRY FROM MOROCCO TO RETAIN INDIRECT CONTROL OF IT.

VALERIAN ZORIN OF THE SOVIET UNION AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT FOR MOROCCO'S CLAIMS, BUT SAID HE WAS LIFTING HIS VETO. HE SAID THAT MAURITANIA'S INDEPENDENCE WAS "INCOMPLETE" BUT NEVERTHELESS ITS NEW STATUS HAD BROUGHT IT "CLOSER TO INDEPENDENCE."

THE VOTE WAS 9-1, WITH THE SOVIET UNION ABSTAINING. THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC CAST THE LONE NEGATIVE VOTE AS A GESTURE OF SOLIDARITY WITH MOROCCO.

BEFORE MAURITANIA AND OUTER MONGOLIA BECAME TANGLED IN THE CASE, THEY HAD FEW IF ANY INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS.

MONGOLIA HAS HAD A COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT SINCE 1921. IT LIES IN BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND COMMUNIST CHINA AND IS BELIEVED TO BE

THE OBJECT OF A QUIET STRUGGLE FOR POWER BETWEEN THE TWO BIG COMMUNIST ALLIES. MOST OF ITS ONE MILLION INHABITANTS ARE NOMADIC HERDSMEN, RANGING OVER THE COUNTRY'S GRASSY PLATEAUS.

MAURITANIA LIES ON AFRICA'S WEST COAST, STRETCHING FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE EDGE OF THE SAHARA. FRANCE GRANTED IT INDEPENDENCE LAST NOVEMBER. MAURITANIA HAS ABOUT 625,000 INHABITANTS, PREDOMINANTLY MOSLEM, AND COVERS 415,000 SQUARE MILES. CATTLE IS ITS CHIEF EXPORT, AND THE NEW NATION IS BELIEVED TO HAVE RICH MINERAL DEPOSITS.

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(480) BOWLES

BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, OCT. 25 (AP)-THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION HAS WORKED OUT AT LEAST A TEMPORARY SOLUTION FOR THE CONTROVERSIAL POSITION OF CHESTER BOWLES AS UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE. THE SOLUTION--TO CHANGE THE JOB RATHER THAN THE MAN.

MANY OF THE SPECIFIC DUTIES WHICH WOULD NORMALLY BE THOSE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S NO. 2 MAN ARE BEING HANDLED PRIMARILY BY TWO OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS. BOWLES MEANWHILE HAS MORE TIME, AS HE APPARENTLY PREFERS, TO WORK ON PROBLEMS OF LONG RANGE POLICY PLANNING, TO MAKE SPEECHES AND TO TRAVEL ABROAD. HE IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE MORE INTERESTED IN SUCH ACTIVITIES THAN IN HANDLING ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS.

THE TWO MEN WHO ARE REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN ON MUCH OF THE WORKLOAD ORIGINALLY ASSIGNED TO BOWLES ARE THE DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, U. ALEXIS JOHNSON, A TOP RANKING CAREER DIPLOMAT WHOSE WORKING ASSOCIATION WITH SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK DATES BACK 10 YEARS; AND UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE W. BALL, WHOSE ASSIGNED FIELD IS ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

JOHNSON, AS A TOP FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, ALREADY HAD EXTENSIVE INFLUENCE IN THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF U.S. DIPLOMATS IN WASHINGTON AND ABROAD. THE IMPORTANCE OF HIS POSITION HAS BEEN GREATLY INCREASED BY THE ALTERATIONS IN THE JOB OF UNDER SECRETARY SINCE BOWLES TOOK OVER.

BALL, A WASHINGTON LAWYER AND FOR YEARS A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF ADLAI E. STEVENSON, TWO-TIME DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE, HAS PICKED UP SOME OF THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD NORMALLY HAVE BEEN HANDLED BY THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS. BUT OTHER OFFICIALS SAID BALL'S LOAD IS TOO HEAVY IN HIS OWN FIELD TO PERMIT MUCH DIVERSION OF TIME TO POLITICAL PROBLEMS.

THE 60-YEAR-OLD BOWLES HAS BEEN A CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT FROM THE EARLY MONTHS OF THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION. AT THE OUTSET, AS PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S FOREIGN POLICY ADVISER DURING THE CAMPAIGN, HE WAS CONSIDERED A CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY OF STATE. KENNEDY CHOSE RUSK INSTEAD AND GAVE THE NO. 2 SPOT TO BOWLES.

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO REPORTS EMANATING FROM ADMINISTRATION SOURCES CLAIMED THAT BOWLES WAS MISCAST AS UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE. KENNEDY FINALLY SPoke OUT AT A NEWS CONFERENCE, SAYING HE HAD EVERY CONFIDENCE IN BOWLES.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD ON EXCELLENT AUTHORITY THAT ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION BOWLES' IDEAS ON POLICY CLASHED WITH THOSE OF RUSK. APPARENTLY HE WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO U.S. MILITARY INTERVENTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WHEN RUSK THOUGHT SUCH A STEP MIGHT BE INEVITABLE TO KEEP LAOS FROM FALLING TO THE COMMUNISTS.

NO ONE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS WILLING TO TALK ABOUT SUCH THINGS ON THE RECORD. BUT PRIVATELY SOME SAY BOWLES HAS BEEN BYPASSED SO THAT HE IS NO LONGER IN THE MAINSTREAM OF U.S. FOREIGN ACTIVITIES.

OTHERS SAY THAT HE MUCH PREFERS TO USE HIS SUBCABINET POSITION FOR THE CONTRIBUTION OF IDEAS AND NEW PROJECTS TO U.S. FOREIGN POLICY RATHER



THAN TO BE TIED DOWN WITH REGULAR ROUTINES.  
KENNEDY IS REPRESENTED ON HIGH AUTHORITY AS BEING DETERMINED TO CON-  
TINUE BOWLES IN HIS PRESENT POSITION FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. SOME  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAY THAT MEANS HE WILL STAY ON INTO NEXT YEAR  
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